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Leeland Farms **CHINESE** *Chestnuts*

Seed Nuts
Seedling Trees
Grafted Trees

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GROW THE CHINESE CHESTNUT FOR PLEASURE AND PROFIT

The Chinese chestnut (*Castanea mollissima*) is the blight resistant successor to the American chestnut familiar to a great many people in the eastern United States. It is a wonderful nut for home use and is being grown commercially in many localities. We are pleased to be able to offer again seed nuts and seedling trees of pure Chinese chestnut inheritance, grown in the South where production is highest, where nuts are largest, and where trees are vigorous and largest for their age.

The trees producing our seed nuts are seedling and topworked trees representing the best strains of pure Chinese chestnut introduced from southern China by the U. S. Department of Agriculture; in fact, three of the seedling trees in the orchard are the parent trees of the Nanking, Meiling, and Kuling varieties released for distribution by the U.S.D.A. in January, 1949. The removal or topworking of all trees exhibiting such undesirable characteristics as low yields, and the production of small nuts and nuts of poor keeping quality further supports our claim of superior merit for the nuts and trees we offer for sale.

Our seed nuts are properly harvested and stored to give a high percentage germination. They will average approximately 50 per pound, but will vary in each lot shipped from about 30 to 65 per pound. All lots are hand culled the day shipped.

Our seedling trees are grown under favorable climatic conditions, and are large for their age, stocky, and have good root systems. The fact that we can offer 1 year old trees in 4 to 5 foot size indicates the vigor and health of our stock.

Our grafted trees are of the Nanking, Meiling, and Kuling varieties. The performance of grafted trees has not been fully tested and we guarantee these only to the extent of replacing them once at half price if there is a failure of the graft union. However, by using only pure Chinese chestnut root stocks we believe failure of the graft union will be very infrequent. Our supply of grafted trees is very limited.

All nursery stock is State inspected and certified.

Terms and Conditions

We ship by Parcel Post or Railway Express, whichever is the cheaper. We do not assume liability for delays in transit, and our liability ends upon delivery in good order to the carrier.

Terms are cash with order, unless to known or approved credit rating.

All quotations are made subject to stocks being sold. We assume no liability for failure to fill orders due to injury to nuts or nursery stock from causes beyond our control, and we give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, productiveness, or any other matter, of any nursery stock or seeds we sell.

SEED NUTS*

Price per pound

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
1-4 lbs.	80¢	84¢	88¢	92¢	96¢	\$1
5-10 lbs.	65¢	68¢	71¢	74¢	77¢	80¢
11-100 lbs.	60¢	62¢	64¢	66¢	68¢	70¢
101-250 lbs.	55¢	57¢	59¢	61¢	63¢	65¢
251-500 lbs.	50¢	52¢	54¢	56¢	58¢	60¢
over 500 lbs.	45¢	47¢	49¢	51¢	53¢	55¢

SEEDLING TREES*

	3-49	50-99	100 or more
12-18 in.	\$.60 ea.	\$.35 ea.	\$.125 ea.
18-24 in.	.70 ea.	.45 ea.	.175 ea.
2-3 ft.	.80 ea.	.55 ea.	.25 ea.
3-4 ft.	.90 ea.	.65 ea.	.35 ea.
4-5 ft.	1.00 ea.	.75 ea.	.45 ea.

In lots of 1,000, or more, we offer a 10% discount from above prices, and in lots of 10,000, or more, we offer an additional 5% discount.

GRAFTED TREES*

Nanking	1 yr. top	\$3.00 ea.
Meiling	1 yr. top	\$3.00 ea.
Kuling	1 yr. top	\$3.00 ea.

* All prices F. O. B. Albany or Leesburg, Ga.

COMMENTS ON THE CHINESE CHESTNUT

The Chinese chestnut was first introduced about the turn of the Century by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and later introductions have been made by the same agency. Through years of testing, the species has been proven to be blight resistant, healthy, and productive of nuts of excellent size and quality. Some believe the nut is even superior to the American chestnut which was such a popular delight of the holiday season each fall. Culinary uses in chestnut dressing and the fun of roasting chestnuts are again within the reach of all.

This nut tree is being grown throughout the entire eastern United States and does best in the lighter soil types with good drainage. It responds to good care with increased production and larger nuts. Sites suitable for peaches are usually also suitable for the Chinese chestnut. When planting seedlings, or varieties, a minimum of 3 trees is recommended to assure pollination because the individual tree or variety is self-sterile, but all trees and varieties appear to be completely cross-fertile. The tree transplants easily and is resistant to drouth conditions.

The nuts should be cured from its freshly harvested condition to develop best flavor. Drying, or curing, at cool temperatures is recommended, and the process should be allowed to proceed until the nuts have lost from 15 to 18 percent in weight. For growing trees, fall planting of the nuts is common in some sections, while cold storage of the nuts and planting in the spring is a more commonly followed practice.

We have worked with the Chinese chestnut since 1931 and will be glad to be of every possible assistance to prospective growers, whether of a home planting or of a large commercial orchard.